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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Kenshiro NAKASHIMA, Yasuo OKUYAMA, Hitoshi YOKOI,  
and Takafumi OSHIMA  
ELECTRODE FOR SILICON CARBIDE SEMICONDUCTOR, SILICON  
CARBIDE SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT COMPRISING THE  
ELECTRODE, AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREFOR  
**Assignee: NGK SPARK PLUG CO., LTD.**  
Our Ref: Q78519

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 10/105,269 (Confirmation No. 5258) filed March 26, 2002 of Kenshiro NAKASHIMA, Yasuo OKUYAMA, Hitoshi YOKOI, and Takafumi OSHIMA entitled ELECTRODE FOR SILICON CARBIDE SEMICONDUCTOR, SILICON CARBIDE SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT COMPRISING THE ELECTRODE, AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREFOR, incorporated herein by reference.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is 22 pages of the specification, including the claims and abstract, seven (7) sheets of drawings (Figures 1-8), and a Preliminary Amendment. Also enclosed is a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application, a copy of the Assignment, and an Information Disclosure Statement along with PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) (substitute for PTO Form 1449) listing references cited by the Applicant and/or the Examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2818.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2001-90042	March 27, 2001



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Divisional Application of U.S. Application No. 10/105,269

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Receipt of the certified copy of the priority document was acknowledged in parent Application No. 10/105,269.

The Government filing fee, after entry of the Preliminary Amendment, is calculated as follows:


Total claims	<u>6</u> - 20	=	<u>        </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>        </u>	\$0.00
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<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>								<b><u>\$770.00</u></b>

A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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